approved outlay for the VII Plan is Rs. 30 crores. An expenditure of 3.79 crores has been made in 1985-86, thus making cumulative expenditure of Rs. 15.52 crores. The anticipated expenditure for 1986-87, that is for the current year, is Rs. 5.40 crores. An amount of Rs. 6 crore has been recommended by the Working Group of the Planning Commission for the year 1987-88 and the latest estimate of the cost of the project is about Rs. 80 crores.

डा० बापू कालदाते : सभापति महोदय, एक तो मणिपुर सरकार भी इसमें खूब दिलचस्पी ले रही है और यह भी चाहते हैं कि विशेष इस योजना के लिये वह भी ज्यादा ध्यान दें और उन्होंने आपको भी बार बार लिखा है । मैं जब वहां गया था, तो हमको वहां यह भी पता लगा कि वहां एक मूवमेंट चल रहा है कि यह जो डेम है, उसमें डिले हो रहा है और जब तक डेम पूरा नहीं होगा, तब तक सही मायने में जो आपने योजना नीचे रखी हैं, उसमें से कुछ होने वाला नहीं है । बेराज से तो सिर्फ तीन-चार हेक्टेयर भूमि को पानी मिलने वाला है । लेकिन वहां के लोगों के मन में यह आशंका है कि आप यह डेम का काम जो डिले कर रहे हैं, इसलिये कर रहे हैं कि आप उसे बनवाने वाले नहीं है । तो इस गलतफहमी को दूर करना अत्यावश्यक है और जब तक वहां डेम का काम शुरू नहीं होगा तब तक वहां के लोगों के मन में यह आशंका बनी रहेगी कि सिर्फ आप उनको बेराज दे देंगे और सारा का सारा काम डेम का ठप्प हो जायेगा तो क्या सरकार इस काम को करने वाली है या नहीं, डेम का ?

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: Sir, the works on the Thoubal dam are in the preliminary stage.

DR. BAPU KALDATE: That is the barrage.

SHRI B. SHANKARANAND: I am talking of the dam, not the barrage. Now the hon. Member has expressed fears in the minds of the people whether this dam will be constructed at all. These fears are not based on facts and they are baseless.

श्री शंकर सिंह वाघेला : चेयरमैन सर, क्या सरकार ने नर्मदा प्रोजेक्ट को मंजूरी दी है ? अगर दी है... **(व्यवधान)**

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is about the project in Manipur.

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: It is a multipurpose project and an amount of Rs. 7 crore is lost per day.

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no. Next question.

*243. [*The questioners (Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Shri Kailash Pati Mishra) were absent. For answer* vide *col.* 30. infra.]

Study on Drug Abuse

*244. PROF. N. M. KAMBLE:†
SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1966 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 1986 and state:

(a) whether the results of the study on the drug abuse situation amongst students in four metropolitan cities and five other towns of the country have become available by now;

(b) if so, what are the main features thereof; and

(c) what are the preventive and remedial measures that have been recommended for tackling this problem?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) A preliminary report based on computer output of data collected on students in nine centres has been received. Detailed reports are awaited.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Prof. N. M. Kamble.

(b) The results show decline in the prevalent rates in general when compared to the 1976 study.

(c) Recommendations, would be known only on receipt of the final report.

PROF. N.M. KAMBLE: Sir, it is very surprising that even after one year—because the last question was asked on 14th March, 1986 and nearly one year is complete now—the study has not been completed. It is creating a very alarming situation in the cities, especially the metropolis and some other towns also, and the student communities are very much affected. While replying to the earlier question in 1986, some steps were suggested which were about eleven in number. I would like to know, after the study which has been undertaken in some nine centres, what are the additional steps that the Government is thinking of taking in this regard?

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: It was delayed pending submission of final report. But on the basis of the data collected, we have found that the increase is not there, but it is slowly declining. The earlier reply referred to 11 points. We have taken measures to implement those 11 points, as well as in Government of India, our Ministry and other Ministries are taking steps to reduce the drug menace. The main points are—measures for creating greater awareness, education through guidance and counselling centres, which we have started, and treatment facilities and after de-addiction counselling to prevent recurrence and relief and rehabilitation in society. These are measures which we have taken to make people aware about the menace.

PROF. N. M. KAMBLE: Steps are of course being taken. But I wanted the additional steps. Except one or two, they have not added anything more. Anyhow I would like to know whether the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act of 1985 which contains some penal provisions, is being enforced. How many cases have been proceeded with, how many are pending and how many people have been penalised under this particular Act?

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Sir, this Act is being implemented by the Ministry of Finance. It is better if he puts this question direct to that Ministry.

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Sir, one of the main preventive steps that the Government is undertaking in regard to drug abuse is in the form of massive social awakening or social education programme. But we find that the social education programme which has been taken up through the audio-visual aids is being counter-productive. Instead of weaning away students from drug abuse, it is in fact making them more curious about it. So I would like to know if Government have a system of getting systematic feed-back about these social awakening/social awareness programmes that are being undertaken, and if there is any such system of feed-back, what is the feed-back that has been received and what remedial steps are they going to take?

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: The publicity media is very important and relevant today to make people aware of this menace. Its impact is to be scrutinised by a Committee which has been constituted under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. We have given assistance for producing a film, *Naya Savera*, to make the people aware, and the nucleus group which has been formed will look after the relevance of the screening of the films.

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Sir, my question has not been answered. Are you getting any feed-back on this programme? What is the feed-back you have received and what are you doing about it?

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Sir, the nucleus group is taking measures to deal with the problems.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Do qou get any information from the State headquarters as to the consequence or effect of this social education and other programmes? Are you getting reports about the number of people rehabilitated, the number of people weaned away and all that?

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Sir, it is regarding screening of documentary fiilms that he is asking.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Nirmal Chatterjee.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Sir, among preventive measures massive propaganda about drug abuse is, of course, very important. What I want to know is this: I know a doctor in Calcutta who is bringing out pamphlets—very low-priced ones—explaining what is drug abuse, etc. He approached me to know whether the Government of India would be interested in adopting them and selling them; he is prepared to make translation into all the Indian languages. Do the Government consider that such efforts the Government can encourage by all means and is the Government prepared for that?

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: This is a very good suggestion for action. Therefore, if we get that type of information we will look into it.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Sir, I have not been able to understand the reply.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He says it is a good suggestion and he will look into it.

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: You write a letter to him giving details of it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Motiram Patel.

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Sir, he is not Motiram Patel. He is Vithalbhai Patel, son of Motiram Patel.... (*Interruptions*) ....

An HON. MEMBER: Anyway, he is a Patel.

SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Sir, may I know from the honourable Minister whether he is aware that TV serial, *Subah* is being shown to tackle the problem of drug abuse? I want to know whether it is helping tackle the problem of drug abuse or it is spoiling.

SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO: Sir, the fiilm was not produced by our Ministry. The impact of the serial is based on the subject which is related to that part and we have not collected information on the impact of that film. I have no information about that and, therefore, I can't comment on that matter.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Next Question.

*245 [*The questioners (Shri Mukhtiar Singh Malik and Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury) were absent. For answer* vide *col.* 31 *intra.*[

*246. [*The questioner (Shri H. Hanumanthappa) was absent for answer* vide *col.* 31-35 *intra.*]

*247. [*The questioner (Shrimati Renuka Chowdhury) was absent. For answer* vide *col.* 35 *Infra.*]

248. [*The questioners (Shri Suraj Prasad and Shri J. P. Goyal) were absent. For answer,* vide *col.* 35-37 *infra.*]

Irregularities in distriubtion of imported sugar by NCCF, Lucknow

*249. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state: